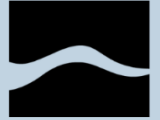


# SERMON NOTES

## IN THE SHEPHERD'S CARE

### Psalm 23



**BIG IDEA:** As our Good Shepherd, Jesus provides unwavering guidance, protection, and provision, inviting us to trust Him fully and experience His peace and contentment in every circumstance.

"The Lord is my Shepherd" - that's \_\_\_\_\_!

"I shall not want" - that's \_\_\_\_\_!

"He makes me to lie down in green pastures" - that's \_\_\_\_\_!

"He leads me beside still waters" - that's \_\_\_\_\_!

"He restores my soul" - that's \_\_\_\_\_!

"He leads me in the paths of righteousness" - that's \_\_\_\_\_!

"For his name's sake" - that's \_\_\_\_\_!

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death" - that's \_\_\_\_\_!

"I will fear no evil, for you are with me" - that's \_\_\_\_\_!

"Your rod and your staff, they comfort me" - that's \_\_\_\_\_!

"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies" - that's \_\_\_\_\_!

"You anoint my head with oil" - that's \_\_\_\_\_!

"My cup overflows" - that's \_\_\_\_\_!

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life" - that's \_\_\_\_\_!

"And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD" - that's \_\_\_\_\_!

"Forever" - that's \_\_\_\_\_!

# APPLICATION GUIDE

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## DISCUSS

Discuss how the imagery of a shepherd in Psalm 23 helps us understand the nature of God's care and guidance. How does this imagery compare to our modern understanding of leadership and care?

How do the concepts of contentment and provision in "I shall not want" challenge or affirm our attitudes towards material needs and desires in our lives? What examples from your own experiences can you share?

Reflect on a time when you felt you were in the "valley of the shadow of death." How did your faith in God's guidance and protection help you navigate through that experience?

## APPLY

In what ways can you more fully embrace the role of God as your Shepherd in your daily life? What practical steps can you take to deepen your trust in His care and provision?

What are the "green pastures" in your life where you can find rest and rejuvenation? How can you prioritize these in your busy schedule?

How do you respond to God's "rod and staff" in your life? Are there areas where you resist His guidance or discipline? What changes can you make to be more receptive?

What does it mean for goodness and mercy to "follow" you? How can you ensure that your actions leave a positive impact on others and reflect the character of the Good Shepherd?

## COMMIT

This week, take a moment each day to rest in God's provision, seek His direction, and embrace His discipline with an open heart. Look into John 10:1-18 and reflect on how Jesus fulfills the role of the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep.